

Proposed rule for the use of the public areas of the Capitol Campus

The Department of General Administration's (GA) proposed rule regarding use of the public areas of the capitol buildings and grounds has been released for public comment. Our "Notice of Proposed Rule-making" (or CR-102) form is enclosed.

The proposed rule will establish how GA will consider reasonable time, place, and manner criteria in authorizing the use of the public areas of the capitol buildings and grounds by the public for free speech and assembly activities as well as for commercial and private activities.

GA's objective is to balance the conduct of government business with public access and expression and the stewardship of the historic capitol buildings and grounds.

The rule is not applicable to the conduct of government business.

Schedule for adopting the new rule

- Proposed rule published - September 2, 2009
 - ✓ Washington State Register at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/laws/wsr/2009/17/09-17-130.htm>
 - ✓ GA's Web site at http://www.ga.wa.gov/Rules/rules_proposed.htm.
- Formal comment period - September 2 - 22, 2009
 - ✓ Please submit written comments on the proposed rules using the comment form on GA's Web site at http://www.ga.wa.gov/Rules/rules_proposed.htm.
- Public hearing - September 22, 2009
 - ✓ GA will receive oral testimony at a public hearing in the GA Building Auditorium in Olympia. The hearing will start at 4 p.m.
- Consideration of comments and finalization of the rule - October/December 2009

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